

Wayne is survived by his wife Beth Bakke Stenehjelm and son Andrew, along with many, many other loved ones. He had a large family, and he loved them all.

Mikey and I extend our deepest condolences to Wayne's family and all of his loved ones. North Dakota lost a strong advocate for our State, but his legacy will continue on.

Rest easy, Wayne. Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for all that you accomplished.

Mr. President, I yield to my colleague from North Dakota.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I, of course, associate with every word Senator HOEVEN said. I think it is fortuitous we are joined in the Chamber today by the next speaker who came here to talk about something altogether different, but Senator WICKER knew our attorney general, Wayne Stenehjelm, maybe longer than I did, actually.

As Senator HOEVEN said, a couple of weeks ago, the good people of North Dakota lost a really good friend. We said goodbye to one of our State's most dedicated and beloved public servants. Attorney General Wayne Stenehjelm died unexpectedly and suddenly on January 28, just 1 month after announcing his intention to not seek reelection and retire at the end of this year.

Wayne was, as John said, North Dakota's longest serving attorney general, having been in office since 2001. Prior to this, he was in the State legislature, winning his first election while at the University of North Dakota—a law student at the age of 22 and continuing his service in the legislature for 24 more years.

He gave 46 years of continuous service to the people of North Dakota, and we are just now beginning to comprehend the impact of the significance of all that he did for our State and during those important years.

I first became acquainted with Wayne when he was serving as a State senator, and I was a desk page in the legislature. Our friendship and political collaborations continued during the years as I worked for the North Dakota Republican Party and later held State-appointed and elected offices. In the 9 years I have been in Congress, Wayne has been a valued friend, a trusted advisor, and an invaluable champion of States' rights and the U.S. Constitution.

His work representing North Dakota in State and Federal courts and as a member of the State Industrial Commission was monumental. It positioned our State to be an energy powerhouse and, at the same time, an unwavering steward of our environment. Among the most notable Federal issues that Wayne championed for our State was objecting to the onerous Waters of the United States regulations proposed by the Obama administration. Wayne skillfully led a coalition of 13 States in opposition, resulting in a nationwide

stay of that rule. He was also instrumental in procuring a historic stay of the Clean Power Plan from the U.S. Supreme Court. In both cases, he skillfully underscored the rights and the responsibilities of States, while drawing a blueprint for cooperative federalism in environmental policy.

Wayne's servant leadership over the past four decades was woven into countless battles, triumphs, and solutions. An ardent supporter of open records and meetings laws and transparency in government, every public group, including Governor HOEVEN, Public Service Commissioner CRAMER, and anybody in government understood that regardless of the size or the importance of your commission or your committee, we all felt Wayne's scrutiny on behalf of transparency for the people.

He developed innovative ways to crack down on illegal meth production and to better control the opioid epidemic. Human trafficking and domestic abuse issues were also always—always—on the top of his priority list and on his radar. He was a fierce advocate and supporter of law enforcement, the brave men and women who protect the safety of our communities. They all knew that Wayne had their backs.

His work was impressive. Yet Wayne was not a grandstander. He worked quietly and had much more respect for good outcomes than for personal gain and benefit. Wayne smiled all the time. He literally smiled all the time. And on the very rare occasion he didn't, you were probably in trouble, and you probably deserved it, but it was rare. He was a fun-loving person. He knew what to take seriously and what to enjoy. His balance of life is really what I think endeared him to so many people.

Wayne was the same person last month that he was in college, which is his greatest testament, I think, to public service. When you accomplish as much as Wayne did and reach the pinnacle of service as he did and he was the same guy who represented the University of North Dakota in the State legislature 46 years ago, that says it all about his character and about Wayne's stature.

Recognized among the very elite attorneys general in the country, the Nation's 36 current and former attorneys general who attended his funeral in Bismarck, speaks volumes about the high regard to which he was held by his peers.

North Dakota and our Nation have lost a true patriot, and Wayne Stenehjelm left an incredible legacy we can all celebrate. He dedicated his life to public service in our State, and our State is a much, much better place because of him. Thousands of people knew Wayne. Thousands more—and really millions—were impacted by Wayne's good work, particularly in the attorney general's office.

In the context of eternity, our life is but a snap of a finger, but in the context of history, Wayne Stenehjelm's

contributions are massive and long-standing.

On behalf of all North Dakotans, Kris and I send heartfelt sympathy to his wife Beth; his son Andrew; his very, very large extended family; and the legion of dedicated friends and admirers.

As a lifelong Eagle Scout, Wayne was no doubt familiar with the famous scouting adage, "Leave a place better than when you found it." Without a doubt, Wayne left North Dakota and this Nation a better place. May we all be inspired by his lifetime of public service and the profound impact it had on all that is excellent about North Dakota today. Rest in peace, Wayne.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, I rise today during this Black History Month to call attention to two remarkable daughters of the State of Mississippi, two basketball legends: Lusia Harris and Ruthie Bolton. These two Mississippi athletes took women's basketball to new heights. And they continue to inspire countless young girls to follow their dreams in sports.

#### REMEMBERING LUSIA "LUCY" HARRIS

Mr. President, last week, when the Academy Awards announced their nominations, we learned that a New York Times documentary on the life of basketball legend Lusia Harris had been nominated for an Oscar.

This hit documentary has already received nearly 700,000 views on YouTube, where viewers can find it under the name of "The Queen of Basketball."

I was certainly thrilled to hear the news of this nomination, and I encourage every American to watch the 20-minute film. It is a story of American grit and determination and the story of an extraordinary Mississippian breaking multiple glass ceilings in the world of sports.

Known by her friends as Lucy, Ms. Harris led an extraordinary life, becoming a three-time national champion and Olympian and the first and only woman officially drafted by the NBA—the first and only woman ever officially drafted by the NBA.

Unfortunately, we lost Ms. Harris, all too soon, last month at the age of 66. Lucy Harris, a Mississippi Delta native, was the 10th of 11 children born to sharecropper parents. As a child, she would stay up past her bedtime watching the basketball greats: Bill Russell, Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Oscar Robertson. In her words, "I wanted to grow up and shoot that ball just like they would shoot it, and I did."

At a towering height of 6 foot 3 inches, Lucy became a superstar at Amanda Elzy High School in Greenwood, MS. When she graduated in 1973, title IX was fresh off the books, opening up options for college basketball.

Lucy was quickly recruited to Delta State University on a scholarship, where she led her team to three consecutive national championships as the

team's only African-American player. As she put it:

When I got the ball, I knew my job was to score. And more than likely, I would score.

Lucy averaged 25.9 points per game and 14.4 rebounds while she was at Delta State, where the women's game started to sell twice as many tickets as the men's. Her raw talent and leadership lifted the lady statesman to a record of 109 wins and 6 losses during her tenure—109 and 6. And to this day, she remains Delta State's alltime scoring leader with 2,981 point.

It should be no surprise that Lucy was recruited for the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. There, she made history by scoring the first points ever in a women's Olympic basketball game and led Team USA to a silver medal.

If that wasn't enough, the following year, she was recruited by the New Orleans Jazz, a men's basketball team; but by then, she had married her high school sweetheart, George Stewart, and was pregnant with their first child. And so she turned down the chance to play for the New Orleans Jazz.

Instead, she returned to Delta State University, where she served as an assistant coach and earned a master's in education. She later became a high school teacher and girls' basketball coach at her alma mater in Greenwood. And in between, she spent 2 years coaching women's basketball at Texas Southern University in Houston.

Lucy Harris' name is forever written in the history books. In 1992, she became the first Black woman to be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame and was later ushered into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame.

She is survived by her children: Christopher, Eddie, Christina, and Crystal, all of whom have won college degrees and who carry on her memory.

If the WNBA had existed in the 1970s, I think we can safely assume Lucy Harris would have continued to dominate the court for many years. She did not get that chance. The WNBA would not come into existence until 1997.

#### TRIBUTE TO RUTHIE BOLTON

Mr. President, I am proud to say that another daughter of Mississippi, Ruthie Bolton, followed in the footsteps of Lucy and carried the torch forward.

Ruthie Bolton was born 12 years after Lucy Harris, hailing from Green County, MS. She was the 16th of 20 children. Ruthie first dreamed of a career in basketball as a star player for McLain High School, where she led the team to a State championship.

Then she landed a scholarship at Auburn University, where she helped the Tigers to three Southeastern Conference titles and four NCAA tournament appearances.

Ruthie Bolton went on to play 15 seasons of professional ball in Europe, including the country of Turkey, and in the United States, where she played eight seasons for the Sacramento Monarchs.

She also helped Team USA win two gold medals at the Olympics in 1996 and 2000. Ruthie Bolton now stands shoulder to shoulder with Lucy Harris in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

My wife, Gayle, and I had the honor of meeting Ruthie Bolton a few days ago while touring her native Green County, MS. We each got to hold the two gold medals, and Ruthie and I were given the privilege of leading a local lunch crowd in a verse of "Amazing Grace."

As we celebrate Black History Month, I am immensely proud to honor these two outstanding Mississippi athletes.

In her Oscar-nominated film, Lucy Harris had this message to the next generation of young Americans. She said:

I especially want those young children to understand that if you work hard . . . anything is possible.

That was the optimistic attitude that made Lucy Harris such a success. Those were great words of advice to our future heroes, words proved true by people like Mississippians Lucy Harris and Ruthie Bolton.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PETERS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

#### FURTHER ADDITIONAL EXTENDING GOVERNMENT FUNDING ACT—Motion to Proceed

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 267, H.R. 6617.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 267, H.R. 6617, a bill making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby

move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 267, H.R. 6617, a bill making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

Charles E. Schumer, Patrick J. Leahy, Gary C. Peters, Jacky Rosen, Amy Klobuchar, Tammy Duckworth, Tina Smith, Tammy Baldwin, Jeff Merkley, Sheldon Whitehouse, Christopher A. Coons, Brian Schatz, Jon Tester, Jon Ossoff, Benjamin L. Cardin, Jack Reed, Tim Kaine, Alex Padilla.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call for the cloture motion filed today, February 15, be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### HONORING STAFF SERGEANT JESSE SHERRILL

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I join today with people across New Hampshire to pay tribute to and honor the life of Staff Sergeant Jesse Sherrill of the New Hampshire State Police. Sergeant Sherrill dedicated 19 years to serving the people of the Granite State with the New Hampshire State Police, before he tragically lost his life while on duty on October 28, 2021.

Raised in Barrington, NH, Sergeant Sherrill began his career in law enforcement with the Hooksett Police Department in 2001. In December 2002, he was hired by the New Hampshire State Police, assigned to patrol in New Hampshire's North Country. He later worked with the Attorney General's Drug Task Force and was promoted to sergeant and then staff sergeant for Troop A, which serves Rockingham and Strafford Counties.

Sergeant Sherrill excelled in each of his roles and was known for his incredible work ethic. He was a mentor to his fellow troopers and was revered for his leadership and his commitment to the success of his peers.

Beyond his career, Sergeant Sherrill always put family first; his family was at the core of everything that he did. He was a loving and supportive husband to Nicole and an incredible father to Peyton and Quinn, transitioning from a pressure-packed day at work to a very present husband and father with surprising ease. Nicole's nickname for Jesse—"Superman"—reflected how much she, his family, and his colleagues respected and admired his ability to do so many things so well.

Sergeant Sherrill was a Granite State hero. He represented the very best of New Hampshire's law enforcement community, serving valiantly to